

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

There has been a flurry of news this week about Elba, floods, and buy-outs by the federal government. There is still hope for some buy-out money for what the government would describe as "the most flood-prone areas." That naturally means folks outside the levee. When that money does filter down, it will be only 75 percent of the purchase price on any home or business. The other 25 percent must come from other sources. The governor's disaster relief task force is working on that area and has some promising ideas in the works.

Last week we flew to Washington with Elba Mayor James Grimes and several state officials. The trip was a quest for money. We told Senator Jeff Sessions and Representative Terry Everett that we were there hat in hand, but didn't want it filled with the usual stuff which comes out of Washington. They just laughed. Reflecting on the trip and the three-hour hearing before the House Appropriations Committee, we grade it as productive for Elba. Actually, it was also productive for Geneva because everything they are doing for Elba, they will also do for Geneva. One thing which is kinda amusing now was that we went up there thinking the anticipated money for the Corps of Engineers to rebuild the levee (and working on the surrounding low areas) was 75-25 matching money and we didn't have the 25%. After getting into the hearing, we found that we had to find not 25%, but 35% to match the grant. Also we tickled several pots of money to help those folks outside the levee, who can't be helped without moving or making into tree houses. It looks promising in that department also.

If the weather man cooperates, The Elba Clipper staff will be moving back to our downtown office as soon as we get this week's paper published. The floors are waxed and waiting for some foot traffic. Needless to say, everyone around here is anxious to get back where there is enough room to work without stepping on everyone's toes and/or nerves.

The extreme degrees of cruelty by one human to another continue to amaze us. Last week it reached a new level. There was a story last week in the national news media about a 31-year-old man who reportedly injected his young son with AIDS. The story is that he got some HIV-tainted blood from a lab where he worked and injected a syringe full of it into the child, "because he didn't want to pay child support." The boy, now seven years old, has full-blown AIDS. Anyone who would do such a thing doesn't deserve the death penalty... such would be too good for him (or her). Such a person needs some form of punishment which will give a daily reminder, for the next 100 years, of what his horrible act has done to his own child.

Those of us who use computers as part of our daily life can get a bit of satisfaction out of Microsoft chairman Bill Gates' problems while demonstrating the new software, Windows '98, to the world. The system crashed and he had to change computers before he could do anything. Not only is Gates having trouble with the federal anti-trust laws, now his computer hangs up on a "bug" right out in public, even before the new software gets on some poor innocent end user's new computer.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

APRIL 20th THRU APRIL 26th, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 20, 1998, investigated the following incidents: four assaults, two DUIs, one escape, two harassments, one domestic violence, five thefts of property, one disorderly conduct, two burglaries, one death investigation, one criminal mischief, and one stolen vehicle recovered.

The following arrests were made: one for escape, one for harassment, and one for public intoxication. Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: three for DUI, one for reckless driving, two for speeding, two for no tag, and one for boom box ordinance violation.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, APRIL 20 - Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 125 near county landfill (6:20 a.m.); River Stage - 17.12 feet (6:30 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 - River Stage - 13.92 feet (6:32 a.m.); Burglary reported at Farmer's Livestock (9:20 a.m.); Prowler reported at Beaver dam Apts. (11:23 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 - River stage - 11.72 (6:25 a.m.);

Subject reported on Reynolds St. with a gun (2:21 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Adkinson St. (5:21 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 - River stage - 10.11 (6:09 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 - River stage - 9.35 feet (6:24 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Seminole Circle (8:47 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to house fire on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:00 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Williams St. (9:19 p.m.); Alarm at Grantham True Value on Reese Ave. (11:16 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - Disturbance reported on U.S. Hwy. 84E (12:10 a.m.); Disturbance reported on West Ave. (1:37 a.m.); (River stage - 8.46 feet (6:15 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 113 (6:36 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (11:20 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence in the Wise's Mill Community (1:50 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - River stage - 9.39 feet (6:54 a.m.); Burglary reported at Dr. Roberts' office (7:03 p.m.); Routine activity.

OPINION

Don't take liberty for granted

by James Roy Fuller

Those of us who are so fortunate to be citizens of America today may well count ourselves among the most blessed of all people in the many centuries of recorded history. Surely God has graciously lavished His favors upon us as a nation and society of free men. Among all of our abundant blessings, one stands alone as the most beloved, the most sought after, and the most fought for than all others in the hearts of our countrymen. It is the blessing of freedom.

Our freedom did not come free. It came by a long line of blood and sacrifice extending all the way back to Plymouth Rock and beyond. Yes, even to foreign shores where the lamp of freedom burned deep and bright in the hearts of men and

women who longed to break the shackles of tyranny. It was they, our forebears, who would hazard their lives and fortunes, brave the stormy seas, risk illness and possible death at the hands of hostile people in a far and distant land in quest of freedom. They came, they fought, they bled, and many died to carve out of this wilderness a nation of free men dedicated to the proposition of government "Of the people, By the people, and For the people."

It is to those brave souls and those who have followed them in many wars in many foreign lands, upon the seas, and in the air that we the beneficiaries owe an unselfish and undying debt of gratitude for the freedom which we now hold dear. Our freedom is still at risk. Our freedom is still challenged. The threat is ever present. Our commitment and resolve to its maintenance

and perpetuity must be as firm and as strong as those who made the supreme sacrifice to purchase it. I am committed to the proposition that not one foot of territory under the banner of Old Glory shall ever be yielded upon the altar of fear, political expediency, or compromise. And if our life is required in its defense, then so let it be. Citizenship and freedom sometimes demand a great price. A former great patriot and statesman, Patrick Henry, summed it all up in a simple but profound statement: "As for me, give me liberty or give me death."

As freedom that must be our commitment to the preservation of liberty. I salute all who have ever served in this great cause. May their memory never fade and may our cherished freedom live on forever as evidence of their noble service and sacrifice.

Does anyone have river readings?

Dear Editor,

This letter contains questions and comments regarding the flood. I understand it is about 45 - 50 feet from the bed of the Pea River to the top of the levee. Flood stage is 30 feet. What is the distance from the bottom of Beaver Dam to the top of the levee?

I would think that Beaver Dam would be the same, but I doubt it. Sunday morning of the flood, I came to town to see if I could help move things at Dorsey. When I crossed Beaver Dam the water was

at the top of the levee. I told some folks at Dorsey, then turned around and got out of town as fast as I could. The river reading was only 33 feet at that time which was about 7:30 a.m.

I have not heard how the quarter-million-dollar warning system did. I think the people of Elba would like to know what it predicted each hour ahead and what the actual reading was. I heard the river would crest at 48 or 49 feet. Did this computer do that, and if not what did it predict? A crest of 39 feet is far from 49 feet

for a predicted crest. What did it predict for Beaver Dam?

With my new \$12 calculator and help from friends with cheap river gauges, I calculated the river to crest at 30 feet plus what the reading was Thursday morning before the flood. If someone knows the Thursday morning reading, I would appreciate your letting me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,
/s/ ALVIN CORDELL

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of April 21, 1998, through April 27, 1998. They were: Linda Ellis, Anthony Berry, Robert Payne, Marvin Lindsey, Ethel Nolin, Alfonso Bankston, Susan Bell, Benita New, Fred Cox, Arbell Phillips, Mary Elaine Brown, Fog Roberts, Mary Coleman, Marquita Burks, Matthew Chinn, Zadia Bouyer, Sara Courson, Michael Nelson, Billy Kilpatrick, Margaret Hussey, JoAnn Bradshaw, Lois Locklar, Mauouda Powell, JoAnn Rhode, and Christina Stralain.

Persons discharged during the same period were: Sandra Linda, Marty Baxley, JoAnn Rhode, Linda Ellis, Chester Eiland, Anthony Berry, Mary Hatcher, Alfonso Bankston, Susan Bell, Fred Cox, Willie McClain, Marvin Lindsey, Hazel Bragg, Benita New, Wiley Pridden, Ethel Nolin, Matthew Chinn, Michael Nelson, Marquita Burks, William Kilpatrick, Mary Brown, Zadia Bouyer, and Arbell Phillips.

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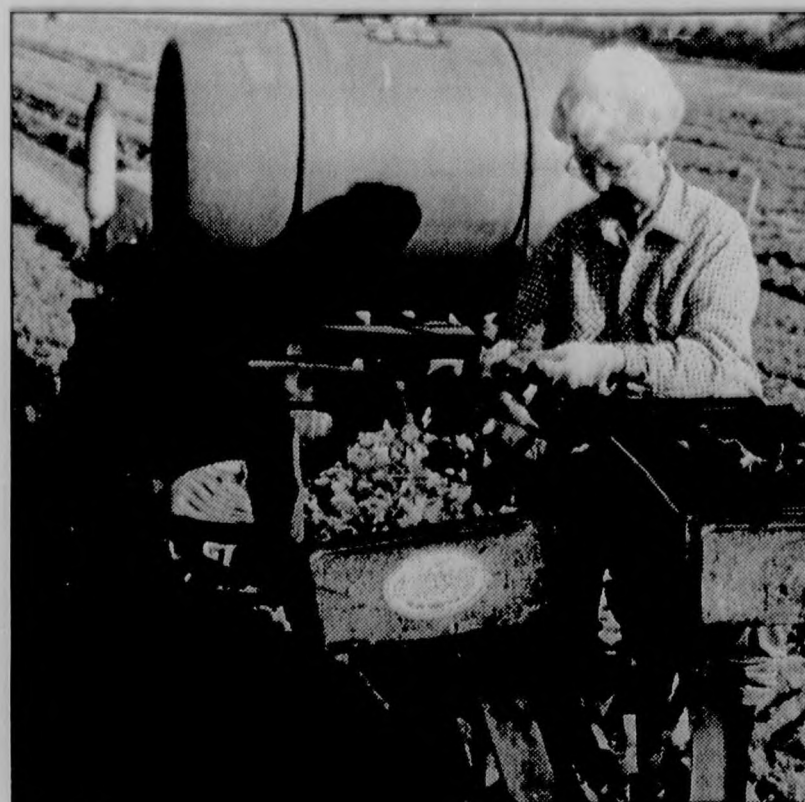
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HI-TECH TOMATOES . . . Most local home gardeners have been planting their tomatoes during the past few days. Most have been digging a small hole in the ground, setting in a peat pot or bare-root tomato, and firming up the soil around the new plant. On the Bellwood Road, southwest of Enterprise, tomatoes have also just been planted by Gene and Ruth Pipkins, but with a flair of hi-tech. Using an automatic tomato planter, the Pipkins have set out between 6,000 and 8,000 tomato seedlings which were "hardened off" for a few days after being germinated in their homemade greenhouse. With the man-of-the-house riding the tractor which pulled the planter, the lady feeds each tender plant into a conveyor which automatically dibbles the plant into the ground at just the right depth and spacing. A shot of water is added to each plant automatically. Asked why he just rides the tractor while his wife does all the work, Pipkins replied, "We have a two-person union and we work by union rules. She does her thing and I do mine."

New harvest reaps master gardeners

by Bernie Cobb,
Certified Master Gardener

A new harvest has just been reaped in the Wiregrass. It's not peanuts, cotton or vegetables of any kind. It's a new crop of "Master Gardeners," a product of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

According to Mary Beth Musgrove, a horticulturist with Auburn University, and the Alabama state coordinator for the Master Gardeners Program, 35 counties throughout the state now offer the program to persons interested in furthering their own knowledge of gardening and in helping others.

"This program is in great demand, not only in Alabama, but in all the states throughout the country," the specialist reported. "Gardening is the number one leisure pastime in the United States. Our formal course of instruction is just one part of the entire program."

In addition to the classroom work, spread over a period of about three months, graduate Master Gardeners must agree to work an additional 40 hours of volunteer time with their local County Extension Office.

The work can consist of helping county agents on various projects, or the Master Gardener can develop his or her own supervised project such as a community garden activity or farmer's market. It could also include ornamentals, house plants, turf grasses or even a home orchard. But, the Master Gardener is restricted against providing assistance for pay.

The annual program just completed locally included formal classes in Houston County and Dale County. The graduates successfully completing the course in Ozark were: Danny Mathews and Rene Miller, Enterprise; Betty Cox, Elba; and Sheila Howell who lives in Coffee County just west of Enterprise.

Completing the course in Dothan was Amy Cox, also from Enterprise, and another Coffee County resident, living near New Brockton (please forgive me), yours truly.

According to Ms. Musgrove, Huntsville was the first to start a formal Master Gardeners program.

Wilson joins U.S. Army

Mark Wilson has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Enterprise. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Wilson, a student at Elba High School, will report to Ft. Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training on July 23.

He is the son of Denise E. Brooks of Elba.

CLASSIFIEDS WORK

AREA DEATHS

A.C. "BUD" BRUNSON SR.

Mr. A.C. "Bud" Brunson Sr., age 84, of Elba, died April 13, 1998, at the Luverne Nursing Facility. Funeral services were held April 23, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Robert Paul officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Elizabeth Brunson, Elba; a daughter: Vickie English, Decatur; three sons: A.C. "Buddy" Brunson Jr., Elba; Winston Brunson, Enterprise; Greg Brunson, Elba; a sister: Lois Whitley, Elba; 9 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.

ROBERT WESLEY PARKER

Mr. Robert Wesley Parker, age 63, of Elba, died April 21, 1998, at his home.

Funeral services were held April 24, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Minister Roy Fuller, and Rev. Milford Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife:

Martha Ann Parker, Elba; daughter: Shannon P. Cantrell, Elba; son: Thomas Freddie Parker, Elba; two grandsons: Ryan Gibbs and Drew Parker, Elba; four sisters: June Johnson and Myra Kelley, Elba; Patsy Goodson and Janice Hall, Enterprise; a brother: Freddie Lamar Parker, Andalusia.

JESSIE LOU CAIN
Mrs. Jessie Lou Cain, age 90, of Rt. 4, Elba, died April 21, 1998, in the Opp Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held April 24, 1998, at 10 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Larry Cummings and Rev. Milton Harrington officiating. Burial was in

New Home Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Cain was a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.D. Cain, and a son, Clinton Cain. Survivors include: two daughters and some-in-law: Sarah and Henry Bolton, Montgomery; Betty and Lewis Linville, Clarksville, Tenn.; four sons and daughters-in-law: Harold and Jo Cain, Opp; Max and Nell Cain, Enterprise; Hayes and Nancy Cain, Clearwater, Fla.; Robert and Dean Cain, Elba; 22 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

JOE CLARK

Mr. Joe Clark, age 54, of Elba, died April 24, 1998, in Baptist Hospital.

Funeral services were held April 26, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Marvin Emtis officiating. Burial was in Pine Level Community Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Janice Bozeman Clark, Elba; two daughters and one son-in-law: Cary Clark, Elba; Jeannie Clark Burt and Rob Burt, Dadeville, Ala.; a brother: Henry D. Clark, Elba; two sisters: Marilyn Clark Beck, Andalusia; and Latane Clark Kreiser, Manhattan, Kansas.

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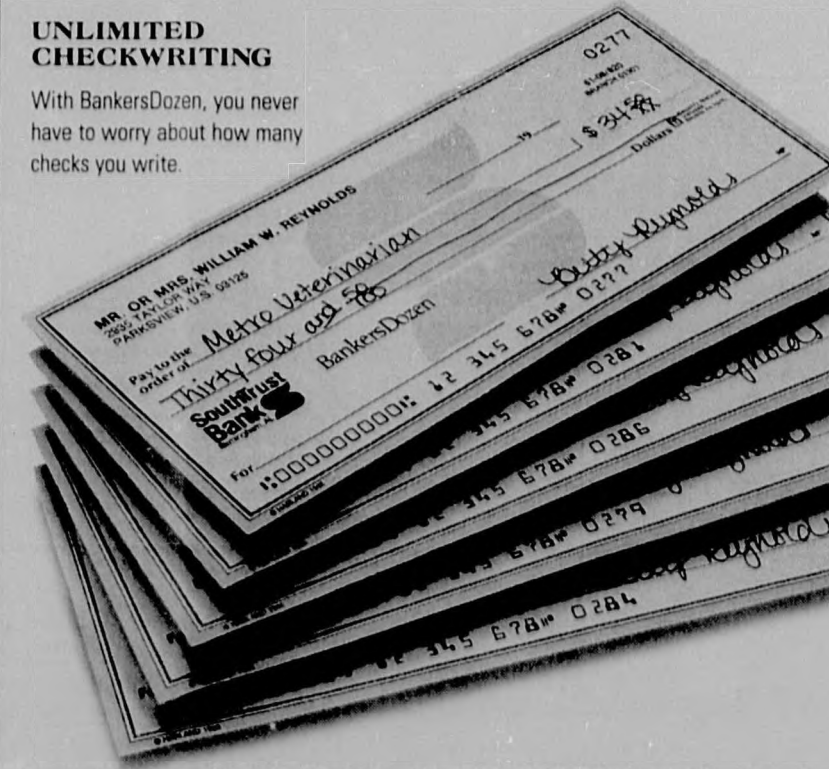
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THE INSPIRATIONS from Bryson City, N.C., will be in concert at Ino Baptist Church on Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m. The Davis Bros. will also be on the program. Ino Baptist Church is located on Hwy. 134 between Opp and Enterprise. For more information call 334/565-3354.

Victoria Baptist homecoming set

Victoria Baptist Church will have homecoming services on Sunday, May 3rd. Pastor John D. Johnson will bring the message. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. with services beginning at 10:45 a.m. with a covered dish lunch following. Everyone is invited.

Jesus film distributed

Mail carriers delivered a free "Jesus" video to everyone of the approximately 1.7 million homes in Alabama during the Easter season. "Jesus" is a dramatization of the life of Christ from the New Testament book of Luke. The "Jesus" Video Project is an outgrowth of the "Jesus" film, produced by John Heyman through Campus Crusade for Christ. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, the film presents the account of Jesus' life from the Gospel of Luke. Anyone having questions or comments on the film may call the pastor of Damascus Baptist Church at 334/894-6382.

Mustard Seed group meets

The Mustard Seed Foundation Seniors met April 23 for a time of fellowship, games and lunch. Some members were still missing due to illness. Those attending included Margie Smith, Louise Wambles, Johnny Hall, Frank McCollough, Sheila Haun, Dorothy Crawley, Evelyn Smith, Sammie Wambles, Linnie McCollough, Roshia Blanton, Diane Hudson, Zealon Smith, Pauline Wood, Mary Seavey.

Other seniors are invited to attend the meetings. For more information call 897-6647 or 735-2453.

HOLY GHOST REVIVAL

The Mustard Seed Foundation Church will have a "Holy Ghost" Revival May 3 through 9, at 7 o'clock each evening.

GOSPEL SINGING

There will be a Gospel Singing at Mustard Seed Foundation Church on May 16, beginning at 7 p.m.

Featured group will be "The Victory Heirs" with Ned Stinson of Smiths, Ala.

Revival set

Alberton Baptist Church will have revival services May 2 - 4, with evangelist Rev. Lane Harris bringing the messages. Times of services will be: Saturday - 6 p.m.; Sunday - 11 a.m., 5 p.m., and 6 p.m.; Monday - 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited. Pastor of the church is Rev. Milford Johnson.

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Views from ...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

We moved the girls' trampoline out to the country last week, and while the move went off without a major mishap, it was a very tiring job for me and a friend of mine. Looking the 14-foot-wide trampoline turned out to be not that bad after we finally got the frame to roll onto a borrowed trailer, and despite the fact several cars nearly ran off the road trying to miss our very wide load, the seven-mile trip was slow, but smooth. We simply pushed the trampoline off the trailer after arriving at the house, and after putting the legs back on, stood it up and were finished. It was just another in a long list of experiences encountered since the flood.

DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

***The Elba Tigers saw their state title hopes dashed in the very first round of the playoffs last weekend as they fell to Asheville 6-1, in Asheville. The Tigers' Ronnie Davis capped off a big senior season by getting four hits in the loss, while Brooks Creel allowed only seven singles, but was hurt by errors that let Asheville take the lead for good. The Tigers closed out the season with a 13-12 record, which is not really all that bad, but is certainly not what the Tigers and their fans had hoped for. Kids in Elba start playing baseball at the age of four on the tee-ball field, and maybe sometime soon all those years of experience will pay dividends and the Tigers will claim the state championship.

***The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Sweet Swingers tournament last weekend, in Elba, and posted a 1-4 record during the round-robin event to see their record slip to 14-11. The Lady Tigers opened the tourney with a big 11-2 win and appeared ready to make a run at the title, but then slowly self-destructed on defense and made countless errors that kept them from claiming even one more win. The final inning of the final game was a fitting end, as the Lady Tigers committed eight errors in the inning to blow a four-run lead, and the game. If the Lady Tigers are to be a playoff contender, they simply must solve their defensive woes.

***The Elba Recreation Department has really been putting in some long hours in recent weeks as the various baseball and softball seasons draw near, and the long-awaited orders of equipment and uniforms have slowly come in. A recreation employee had to drive to Montgomery last Friday just to make certain the uniforms would be in by opening day, and the last of the equipment orders were still AWOL as of the first of this week. A FAX dated the first of February doesn't help when the orders are delayed, and delayed again.

***The Elba Tiger football team will close out its second week of spring drills this week, and while Coach David Sikes is a little disappointed in the number of players out for spring practice, he is convinced that the players are willing to work hard and determined to improve on last year's 2-8 record. The coaches and players still remember last season, and know what it will take to turn things back around. The fans just have to remember that the Elba football dynasty wasn't built in a few short years, nor will it be rebuilt in a year or two.

Tigers defeat Luverne, Georgiana

The Elba Tigers closed out their regular season last week with a double-header against Luverne and a single game against Georgiana, and claimed two wins in the three games to end the season with a 13-11 record.

The Tigers hosted Luverne on Monday afternoon and split the twin-bill by winning the opener 9-1 and dropping the nightcap 12-2; then hosted Georgiana on Tuesday afternoon and posted a lopsided 14-0 win.

Following are highlights of the Tigers' three games:

ELBA 9 LUVERNE 1

Brooks Creel pitched a four-hitter and Ronnie Davis pounded out three hits and collected three RBI's to lead the Elba Tigers to an impressive 9-1 win over the Luverne Tigers.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first on a double by Kevin Dodd and an RBI

single by Ronnie Davis, then moved ahead 2-1 in the fourth on an RBI double off the bat of Brooks Creel.

Elba put the game out of reach in the sixth inning as the Tigers pushed across seven runs to take a big 9-1 advantage.

Key hits in the uprising were a triple by Ronnie Davis that knocked in two runs, and RBI singles by Dustin Stinson, Josh Dawkins, Brooks Creel and Kevin Dodd.

Creel tossed a four-hitter and struck out four batters to get the mound win for the Tigers, while Ronnie Davis got three hits and knocked in three runs to lead Elba at the plate. Getting two hits for Elba were Josh Dawkins, Brooks Creel and Kevin Dodd.

LUVERNE 12 ELBA 0

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never challenged as Luverne

managed a split of the double-header with a lopsided 12-2 win.

Luverne opened the game with a lead-off homer to take command, and never looked back to gain the split.

Elba's only runs came in the third inning when Brooks Creel and Brandon Salter singled, and then

raced home on a double by Ronnie Davis.

Brandon Salter allowed eight hits in three innings to take the loss on the mound for the Tigers.

ELBA 14 GEORGIANA 0

The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season on a winning note as they clobbered the Georgiana Panthers 14-0, in Elba.

The Tigers wasted little time taking command as they plated nine runs on six hits in the bottom of the first to jump out to a 9-0 lead.

The Tigers loaded the bases without the benefit of a hit to open the inning, as Kevin Dodd was hit by a pitch, Derek Marler drew a walk and

Ronnie Davis reached on an infield error. Dustin Stinson followed with a triple to clear the bases, and the rout was on!

Wade Parker and Josh Dawkins followed the Stinson triple with RBI singles, while Brandon Salter delivered a double that knocked in three runs, and Ronnie Davis added an RBI

double. Elba put the game away in the fourth as Brad Holley led off with a single, Josh Dawkins reached on an error and Adam Brookins followed with a single to lead the bases.

Marcus Parker knocked in one run with a single, then Daniel Murdock cleaned the bases with a triple to drive in three runs and put the Tigers on top 14-0.

Ronnie Davis pitched a one-hitter and struck out three batters to get the mound win, while Marcus Parker got two hits to lead the Tigers at the plate. Collecting three RBI's were Dustin Stinson, Daniel Murdock and Brandon Salter.

Elba falls in first round of playoffs

The Elba Tigers saw their trip to the state baseball playoffs come to an abrupt end Saturday afternoon in the opening round as the Asheville Bulldogs eliminated the Tigers 6-1, in Asheville.

The win upped Asheville's record to 19-5 and moved the Bulldogs into the second round of the 3A playoffs, while the loss left Elba with a final record of 13-12.

"We put the ball in play Saturday and had only two batters strike out the entire game, but when a team

can manage only seven hits, and one player gets four of those hits, it is hard to put runs on the scoreboard," said Elba's Coach David Lowery. "We simply failed to bunch any hits together, and made some key errors that allowed Asheville to get the lead. The loss was really very similar to the rest of the losses during the sea-

Opening round playoff scores

The following are results of area teams in last week's opening round of the state high school baseball playoffs:

Andalusia 9 Valley 8
Arlinton 3 Billingsley 2
Beauregard 11 Abbeville 1
Dadeville 20 Daleville 10
G.W. Long 16 Samson 6

son, in that we had chances and hurt ourselves with errors."

The Tigers' only run of the game came in the top of the seventh when Brooks Creel led off with a single, moved to second on a walk, went to third on a hit batsman, and scored on a fielder's choice.

Brooks Creel allowed seven hits and two walks to take the loss on the mound, while Ronnie Davis ripped out four hits to lead the Tigers at the

Lowery, "it was not a very enjoyable season, and it was certainly a season in which we didn't play up to our potential. We had a lot of discipline problems, had other problems with players involved in other activities, and never really developed into the team we thought we would be. The team struggled for most of the season, and except for Ronnie Davis, no one really had a big year. Davis batted close to .400 and was consistent week in and week out, but no one else really had a real big year."

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Lady Tigers struggle in Sweet Swingers

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the fourth annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic last weekend, at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba, and struggled as they posted only one win in five games to see their record for the season dip to 14-11.

The Lady Tigers opened the round-robin tournament against Samson and posted a quick 11-2 win. Elba scored five runs in the bottom of the first to grab a quick 5-1 lead, and was never threatened as it rolled to the win. Kendra Vaughan, Vaughan Boyd, Michelle Lewis and Rachanda McKinnon all got 2 hits in the win, while Melissa Mularz limited Samson to only four hits.

The Lady Tigers next challenged G.W. Long and came out on the

short-end of a 10-5 score. Elba fell behind 6-1 in the third inning and never really threatened in the loss. Kendra Vaughan and Leigh Kelley both got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate.

The Lady Tigers' next game was against the powerful 6A Northview Lady Cougars and Elba battled through five innings before falling 15-5. The Lady Tigers trailed only 7-5 in the second inning, but failed to score again, as Northview pulled away for the win. Melissa Mularz got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate.

The Lady Tigers saw a last inning rally fall short as they lost to Straughn 10-6. Elba owned a 3-1 lead after three innings, but saw Straughn plate six runs in the fourth to grab the lead for good. Lindsey Jared and Leigh Kelley both got 2

hits for Elba.

The Lady Tigers saw their run through the tournament come to an end as Samson rallied to score seven runs in the seventh inning to pull out a 15-12 win. Elba had scored seven runs in the third inning to take the lead and led 12-8 after six innings, but committed eight errors in the seventh to let Samson rally and claim the win. Melissa Grantham and Amber Frederick both got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Kendra Vaughan, Leigh Kelley and Raean McCollough all added 2.

Kendra Vaughan and Leigh Kelley both had 8 hits during the tournament to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while Lindsey Jared and Vaughan Boyd added 6 each, Michelle Lewis and Amber Frederick both had 5, and Bonnie

Vaughan, Raean McCollough and Melissa Mularz all added 4.

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Northview, Straughn claim trophies

The Northview Lady Cougars and Straughn Lady Tigers took home the championship trophies last week at the fourth annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic, held at Hawkins-Williams

Park, in Elba. Northview posted wins over Samson 15-5, Elba 15-5, Straughn 19-9 and G.W. Long 14-0, to take home the title in the 4A-6A division of the round-robin tournament.

Straughn posted wins over Elba 10-6, G.W. Long 13-10, G.W. Long 11-10 and Samson 6-3, while falling to Northview 19-9 and Samson 12-7.

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SPORTS

Gamecocks post first winning season

The New Brockton Gamecocks etched their name into the school's record book last week when they defeated the Kinston Bulldogs 18-13 to close out the season with an 11-10 record, the first winning record ever at the school in baseball.

"I am really proud of the players

for getting the final win against our biggest rival," stated Coach Bill Lovrich. "This team deserved to go out a winner!"

The Gamecocks trailed 4-0 early in the game, but a two-run homer by Pate Harrison sparked a first inning New Brockton rally that helped the Gamecocks plate seven

runs and grab a 7-4 advantage. Kinston regained the lead at 10-7 in the second inning, and owned a 12-7 lead in the fifth, only to see the Gamecocks rally again to regain the lead at 13-13.

A solo home-run by Adam Green ignited the Gamecock rally, while Pate Harrison, Jason McKenzie,

Robby Kinsaul and Kellen Cole also chipped in with key RBI hits.

Charlie Driggers and Nicky Anderson both ripped solo home-runs in the sixth inning as the Gamecocks pulled away and then held on for the historic baseball win.

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Kinston plans athletic banquet May 8

Kinston High School will hold its annual "Athletic Banquet" on Friday, May 8, with the featured speaker to be former Bulldog coach Ronnie Cottrell.

Coach Cottrell coached at Kinston High School during the 1983 and 1984 seasons, then moved on to Flomaton High School, before join-

ing the staff at Florida State University. He is now the assistant head coach at the University of Alabama.

The banquet will take place at the Kinston High School gym, beginning at 6:30 PM, with Sunday attire to be the dress code.

Varsity athletes at Kinston High

School will be admitted free, while date tickets will be \$8, as will tickets for parents of athletes, grandparents of athletes and members of the Kinston Bulldog Athletic Club.

Supporters of the Kinston athletic program may purchase tickets for \$12 each, and the \$14 ticket will also be charged for former Kinston

athletes and their parents. May 1 is the deadline to reserve a seat at the banquet, and after the date all tickets sold will be \$15.

For more information contact Amelia Rhoades, 565-3111, ext. 26, or 565-3240 (home).

Lady Tigers win double header

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Andalusia Lady Bulldogs on Thursday afternoon and proved to be anything but gracious hosts as they dumped their visitors 4-2 and

8-7 to sweep the double-header. In the opening game both teams put all their runs on the scoreboard in the opening inning, and Elba held on for the 4-2 win. Helping the Lady

Tigers score their runs in the first inning were Kendra Vaughan, Melissa Grantham, Vaughan Boyd, Melissa Mularz, Leslie Stinson and Lindsey Jared. Melissa Mularz got 3 hits to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, and also handcuffed the Lady Bulldogs on only five hits.

The Lady Tigers staged a seventh inning rally in the nightcap to pull

out an exciting 8-7 win. The Lady Tigers saw Andalusia pull out to a 7-5 lead in the top of the sixth inning, but never quit and scored three runs in the final frame to get the win, with Raean McCollough getting the key hit that led to the win. Raean McCollough got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Melissa Mularz added two hits.

Lady Gamecock invitational set

The 1998 Lady Gamecock Invitational Softball Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, at the New Brockton municipal park.

Teams entered in the event will include Brantley, Geneva County, G.W. Long, Kinston, Highland Home, New Brockton, Samson and

Zion Chapel. The teams will compete in two four-team pools on Friday night and Saturday morning, with the top two teams in each pool advancing to a double-elimination tournament.

The finals are set for 4 PM on Saturday afternoon.

Basketball camp planned

Final registration is now being held for the 20th annual Boys and Girls Basketball Camp.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 5-18, and camp sites include Gainesville, Georgia; Bristol, Virginia; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Included on the staff for the camps are Jerry Stackhouse (NBA), Steve Wojciechowski (Duke), Matt Harpring (Georgia Tech), C.C. Harrison (NC State) and Norman Nolan (UVA).

For a free brochure call (704) 372-3236, anytime.

ZC athletic club to meet

The Zion Chapel Athletic Club will meet Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in the Band Room at Zion Chapel High School.

New officers will be elected, and all club members are urged to be in attendance.

SCHEDULES

SOFTBALL
MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE
At Hawkins-Williams Park (Field 3)
Thursday, April 30
7:15 - Bros Club vs. C.C. Merchants

8:30 - LS Construction vs. Mt. Vernon
Monday, May 4
8:30 - Marlins vs. LS Construction
Tuesday, May 5
8:30 - C.C. Merchants vs. Mt. Vernon

Wednesday, May 6
7:00 - Bros Club vs. WOW
8:15 - C.C. Merchants vs. Marlins

GIRL'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE
At Hawkins-Williams Park
Monday, May 4
(Field 2)
6:00 - Alley Cats vs. Battle Cats
7:15 - Wildcats vs. Hill Cats
(Field 3)
7:15 - Blaze vs. Renegades
Tuesday, May 5
(Field 2)
6:00 - Crickets vs. Snappers
7:15 - Alley Cats vs. Hill Cats
(Field 3)
7:15 - Lookouts vs. Blaze

Girl's Tee Ball
At Hawkins-Williams Park (Field 3)
Thursday, April 30
6:00 - Bees vs. Bats

BASEBALL
Boy's Tee Ball
At Hawkins-Williams Park (Field 3)
Monday, May 4
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Dodgers
Tuesday, May 5
6:00 - Braves vs. Cardinals

Boy's Coach Pitch
At Hawkins-Williams Park (Field 1)
Thursday, April 30
6:00 - Rays vs. Indians
Monday, May 4
6:00 - Reds vs. Indians
Tuesday, May 5
6:00 - Rays vs. Giants
Wednesday, May 6
6:00 - Reds vs. Cubs
7:15 - Indians vs. Giants

Dixie Minor & Dixie Youth
Thursday, April 30
(At New Brockton)
6:00 - Rays vs. Rockies
7:30 - Marlins vs. Mets
(At Legion Field, in Elba)
6:00 - Athletics vs. Blue Jays
7:30 - Brewers vs. A's
Friday, May 1
(At Legion Field, in Elba)
6:00 - Braves vs. Athletics
7:30 - Brewers vs. Cardinals
Monday, May 4
(At New Brockton)
6:00 - Marlins vs. Blue Jays
7:30 - Mets vs. Cardinals
(At Legion Field, in Elba)
6:00 - Rangers vs. Athletics
7:30 - Marlins vs. Rays
Tuesday, May 5
(At New Brockton)
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Brewers
7:30 - Mets vs. Rockies
(At Legion Field, in Elba)
6:00 - Pirates vs. Braves
7:30 - A's vs. Yankees

Dixie Boys Baseball
Thursday, April 30
(At Luverne)
6:00 - Yankees vs. Braves
7:30 - White Sox vs. Sox
(At Highland Home)
7:30 - Devil Rays vs. Brantley
Friday, May 1
(At Legion Field, in Elba)
6:00 - D-backs vs. Cardinals
Monday, May 4
(At Luverne)
6:00 - Brantley vs. Braves
7:30 - D-backs vs. Yankees
(At Highland Home)
7:30 - White Sox vs. Devil Rays
Tuesday, May 5
(At Legion Field, in Elba)
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Sox

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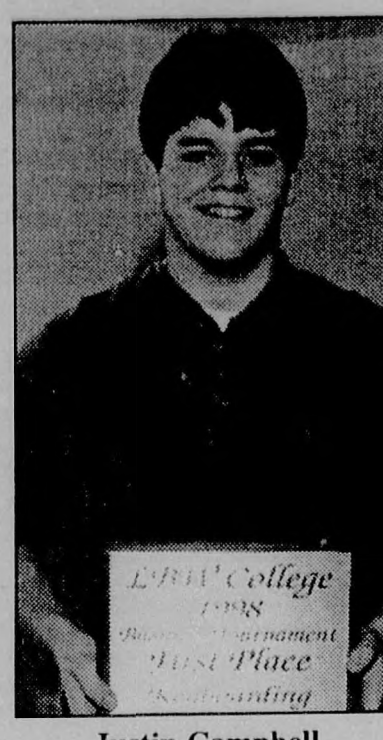
SCHOOLS



Greg Aplin, LBW computer science instructor, presents award to a student.

Students are winners at business tournament

Lurleen B. Wallace Jr. College in Andalusia was host to the 28th annual Business Tournament on March 27, and pictured are winners from New Brockton High School: Justin Campbell - 1st place Keyboarding; Paul McMonagle - Management Information Systems; Jennifer Hornsby - 3rd place Keyboarding; Nicole Meeks - 1st place Office Administration; James Robert Layton - 3rd place Office Administration.



Justin Campbell

School Menus

Area submitted the following menus for the week of May 4-8.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Half Apple, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Chicken Fried Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Field Peas, Roll, Peach Half, Milk
Tuesday - Turkey Wiggle, Garden Peas, Whole Kernel Corn, Roll, Sweet Potato Patty, Milk
Wednesday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Potato Wedges, Half Orange, Milk
Thursday - Barbecue, Slow Rice, Bread, Half Apple, Milk

Friday - Ham Sandwich, French Fries, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk

COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST MENU will be put back for May

LUNCH
Monday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Fish Sandwich, Veggies w/Dip, Corn on Cobs, Apple Upside Down Cake, Barbecue Bread, Milk
Tuesday - Hamburger, Turkey Burrito, French Fries, Green Salad, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Hot Dog, Turkey Salad, Tater Tots, Vegetable, Manager's Choice, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Fried Chicken, Meat Loaf, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Apple Crisp, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Hamburger, Steak, Barbecue Sandwich, Creamed Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Cherry Pie, Rolls, Milk



ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE'S Tau Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (the honor association for two-year colleges) recently attended a regional conference in Tuscaloosa, and participated in competition. Pictured while displaying awards and winning items are (l-r): chapter president Cathy Brown of Enterprise, holding the yearbook which won honorable mention; member Angela Jones, Daleville, holding the chapter's five-star program certificate; chapter vice president of service Josh Kidenour, Enterprise, holding second-place certificates for the school; and member Jenny Phillips, Ozark, holding the plaque for first-place art award; vice president of scholarship Heather Rhoades, Enterprise, displaying her painting, "Granny's Pantry," which won first place in art; and member Mark Windham, New Brockton holding honorable mention certificate for the chapter's yearbook.

Students can earn money for reading from HRDC

Human Resource Development Corporation is again sponsoring the summer reading program, "Bucks for Books," formerly Earning by Learning. The program gives an incentive to children from second to fifth grades, which motivates them to read. Each child is rewarded \$2 per book with a limit of five books per week. A written and oral report of each book read is presented to a volunteer at a designated site. The program will be conducted in Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry

Elba students earn LBW honors

Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College has announced names of academic honor students for the 1998 winter quarter, and appearing on the list are two Elba students. Named to the President's List was Joe Samuel Cooper Jr. The Dean's List named Mary Katherine Grantham. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List, and a 3.50-3.99 (B+) gpa for the Dean's List.

Area students graduate from TSU

Two hundred forty-seven bachelor's, master's, and educational specialist degrees were conferred at Troy State University's winter commencement exercises March 20. Receiving degrees from Elba was Renee Bryan Gibson, bachelor's - Elementary Education; Kinston, Melissa Evelyn Kilpatrick, bachelor's - Special Education, Mild Learning/Behavior Disorder.

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Tiger Tales

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Editor

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EES T-shirt funds could improve paving

For the third year in a row, the Elba Elementary School Student Council has sold Human-I-Tees T-shirts. This sale has a dual purpose: the shirts and other merchandise hold up well and are easy to sell, and the company donates 20 percent of its profits to help save the environment and endangered species.

Most of the merchandise they offer, from T-shirts to tote bags, has pictures of endangered species or environments. The students may sell this merchandise if they wish. We send home the brochures and a letter explaining that this is just a chance for the Elba Elementary School students and their families to support the Elba Elementary School Student Council and the environment at the same time by purchasing these items.

The group usually raises between \$800 and \$1000 on this fundraiser. The money raised each year by the student council is used to benefit all the students.

In the past we placed the large granite sign out front, made a donation to the piano fund, purchased a CD-ROM for the library, and helped to purchase a sound system to be used in the gym so that music could be incorporated into the physical education program.

This year one option the club is considering is to help with some paving that needs to be done in front of the elementary school to improve the appearance of the school grounds and to prevent erosion.

It makes the students proud to know they help make Elba Elementary the excellent school that it is.

Special raises between \$800 and \$1000 on this fundraiser. The money raised each year by the student council is used to benefit all the students.

Special events at EHS mark School Library Media Month

The week of April 19-25 was National Library Week/School Library Media Month. National Library Week focuses on the role of libraries in connecting children and adults with books, computers, and other resources they need to live, learn and work in a global society.

During break on Monday, April 20, all EHS employees and some selected guests were served refreshments compliments of the

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SCHOOLS

Elba Elementary School releases honor rolls for fifth six-week grading period

Elba Elementary School has released the following honor rolls for the fifth six-week grading period.

ALL A's

• **FIRST GRADE** - Trey Belcher, Jamison Baker, Tiffany Edwards, Chessie Cross, Aireal Hall, Griffin Cash, Seth Coleman, Andrew Head, Corlin Lee, Michael Spurlin, Jason Mitchell, Kelly Corder, Michael Jackson, Kydra Tillis, Megan Sullivan, Meredith Brunson, Maissie Thomas, Matthew Abbott, Brittany Davis, Kydrion Tillis, Drew Ellis, April Finecore, Cody Sasser

• **SECOND GRADE** - Matthew Brunson, Tiffany Bryan, Toshamba Jones, Robert Paul, Christopher Salter, Don Rhoades, Megan Anderson, Will Gray, Trey Martin, Blake Qualls, Justin Pike, Dimetro Tyson

• **THIRD GRADE** - Katie Cass, Emily Driggers, Chafin Johnson, Whitney Sasser, Savannah Sikes, Andrew Blem, Christina Bryant, Ashley Cauthorn, Josh Hudson, Whitley Kilcrease, Chase Boutwell, Brianna Bailey, Sydney Brunson, Adam Henderson, Ryan McCollough, Anna Petty, Randall Tyson

• **FOURTH GRADE** - Billy Crawford, Whitney Lawford, Ashleigh Waddall, Kayla Kelley, Rae Walker, Shawanna Wright, Trey Grantham, Elena McCormick

• **FIFTH GRADE** - None

• **SIXTH GRADE** - Colby Capps, Blake Brunson, Kaci Grantham.

A & B
• **FIRST GRADE** - Shanika Pruitt, Ashley Sanders, Johnny Stoudemire, Ashley Bailey, Kendall Chappell, Autumn Sasser, Donnie Hay, Dana Calhoun, Shelby Adcock, Amber Hill, Marrita Levens, Rosa Phillips, Kiera Robertson, Nicholas Simmons, Kim Blue, Judd Williamson, Tempest Parker, Laquita Reed, Jonathan Maddox, Rachel Morrow, Donnie Stinson Jr., Joseph Carter, Alex McCauley, James Morris, Alexis Bush

• **SECOND GRADE** - Cornelius Reese, Aaron Burks, David Cook, Cordell Hooks, Avelana Moody, Ashton Nelson, Justin Taylor, Marissa Bludsworth, Jeremy Grissett, Tiffany Johnson, Austin Parrish, Tierney Starks, Tina Reed, Kiswauna Cole, Deymond Williams, Aaron Harrelson, Martin McCormick, Bobby Hudson, Misti Miller, Caleb Bannin, Ashley Carpenter, Matthew Gibson, Brittany Phillips

• **THIRD GRADE** - Brian Blair, Chris Boutwell, Wesley Calhoun, Jacob Forbes, Antwon Tillis, Jennifer Barlow, T.J. Gideon, Jessica Rancon, Courtney Senn, Traci Spinks, Aaron Johnson, Leslie Flowers, Nicholas Nelson, Haley Stinson, Heather Reeves, Brad Sullivan, Melanie Mularz, Whitney Bailey, Brandon Boutwell, Cory Miller

• **FOURTH GRADE** - Kendall Stinson, Amie Cauthorn, Ashley Canley, Tori Brooks, Ben Coppage, Dustin Rhoades, Lamar Ware, Arrian Bowers, Stephanie Corder, Stacey Mitchell, Amanda Mauldin, Reyman Rogers, Justin Watkins, Ashley Walden, Kayla Byrd, Duke Carr, Savannah Poyner, Mason Gullely, Alex Hudson, Todd Kelley, Tesha Lee, Summer Stricklin

• **FIFTH GRADE** - Kristin Barnes, Will Barnes, Kaleb Dyess, Ashley Gibson, Lynsey Lawford, Justin Williams, Rusty Smith, Kristi Spinks, Aaron Harrelson, Dusty Watson, Mallory Allen, Emily Paul

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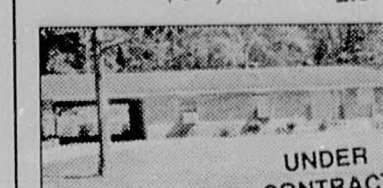
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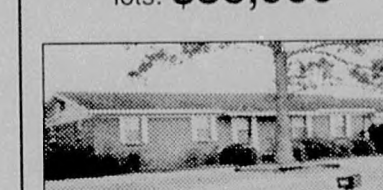
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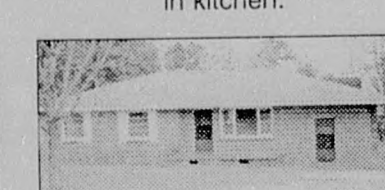
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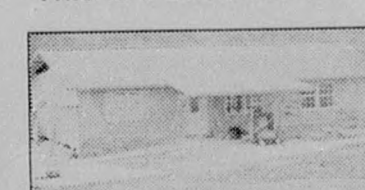
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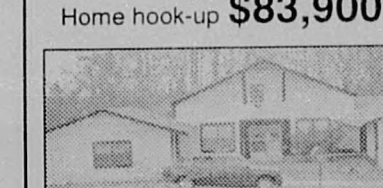
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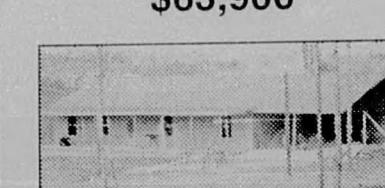
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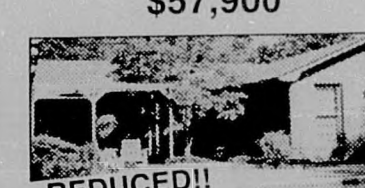
NEW CONSTRUCTION
1 AC +/- 3 BR - 2 baths, metal roof - additional land available \$57,900



REDUCED!!



NEW CONSTRUCTION
35 AC +/- 2,236 sq. ft. 3 BR - 2 baths - study - garden tub - 2 large porches. Beautiful view! \$129,900



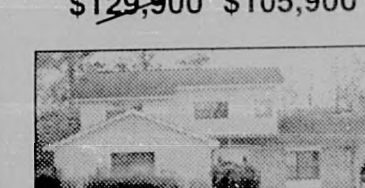
2,500 SQ. FT.
1 1/2 AC +/- 3 BR - 2 1/2 baths - 18x36 pool. Covered carport, double car shed & lawn equip. shed - inside city limits. \$129,900



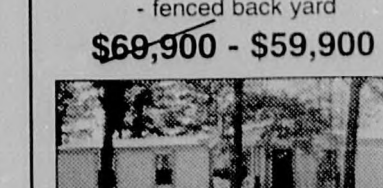
WISE'S MILL
6 AC +/- 1,877 sq. ft. 3 BR - 2 baths Central A/C - fenced back yard \$69,900 - \$59,900



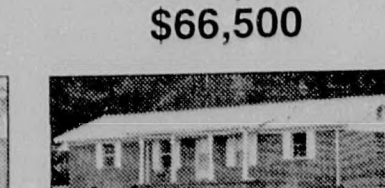
1,152 sq. ft.
Apartment and 44 X 35 shop area. Hwy. 87S - \$66,500



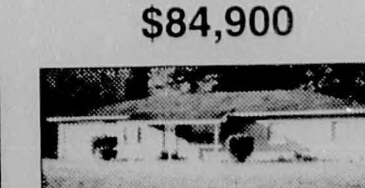
1313 Highland Drive
1,799 sq. ft. - 3 BR - 2 1/2 baths - freshly painted interior - new vinyl & carpet. \$84,900



24x60 Artcraft Mobile Home
Maroon siding - brick underpin, shingle roof. Double carport and storage house. 1 acre +/- \$41,900



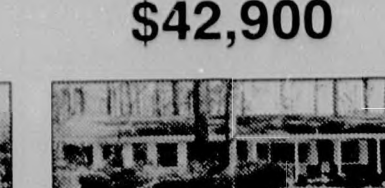
Intersection 239 & Hwy. 167
1.2 AC +/- 3 BR brick home. This is a real bargain! \$42,900



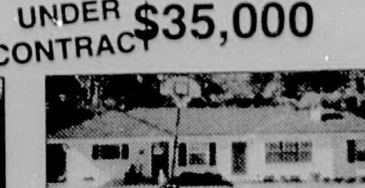
Handyman Special -
4 BR - 2 baths - 1 ac +/- - Coffee County Rd. 410 - UNDER CONTRACT \$35,000



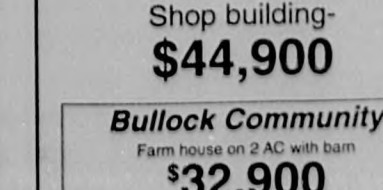
930 Payne St.
3 BR - 2 baths Shop building- \$44,900



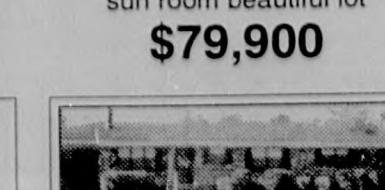
NEVER FLOODED!
2,200 sq. ft. - 3 BR - 2 bath - sun room beautiful lot \$79,900



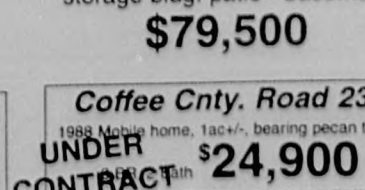
Sunset Blvd
2,027 Sq. Ft. - 4 BR - 2 baths - storage bldg. patio - basement \$79,500



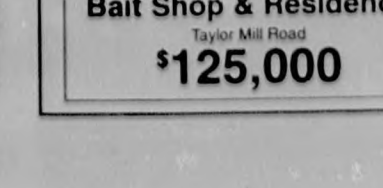
Bullock Community
Farm house on 2 AC with barn \$32,900



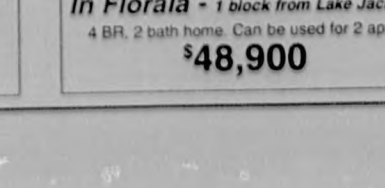
NOT FLOODED IN '90 OR '91
Elm Steel - 4 bedrooms - 2 baths - central A/C - large lot \$72,900



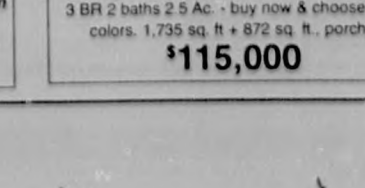
60 AC+ Pond
Rustic home, 2 1/2 baths, pond \$155,900



In Florida - 1 block from Lake Jackson
4 BR, 2 bath home. Can be used for 2 apt. \$48,900



Hwy. 167 New Construction
3 BR 2 baths 2.5 AC - buy now & choose your colors. 1,730 sq ft - 912 sq ft. porch - \$115,000



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COMMUNITY



More than 300 people attended the annual reunion

Brunson family holds 145th annual reunion

The 1998 Brunson Reunion was held in the Elba Elementary School lunchroom on Sunday, April 19, instead of the Brunson Farm, due to rain and threat of thunderstorms in the area.

More than 300 members of the pioneer family attended the reunion which began as a birthday celebration for Matthew Brunson, family patriarch. This family tradition, believed to be the oldest in Coffee County, began in 1853 when Matthew and his wife Sarah Blanchard, moved their five sons and two daughters to then 12-year-old Coffee County, Alabama, where they established their permanent home.

They were soon joined by his brother, Rev. L.H. Brunson and family, followed by their sister, Amanda Brunson McDermont and her family. The area is still called "home" by the descendants of these pioneers.

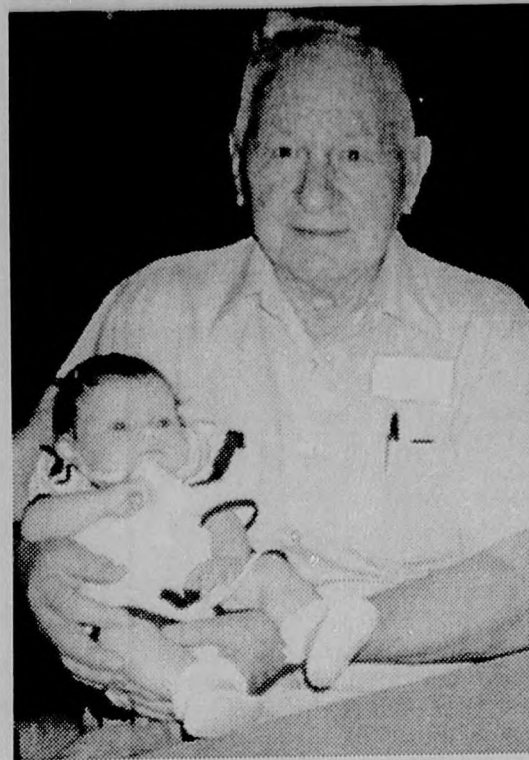
The "plantation home" Matthew Brunson built on his three-section plantation in 1854 is now the home of "Simply Southern Gifts" in Enterprise, and is believed to be the oldest

residence still standing in Coffee County. During the almost century-and-a-half legacy of the Brunson Reunion, it has been sponsored by the late Matthew Brunson I, Matthew Brunson II, Arthur Brunson, Will Brunson, Ben Brunson, and Fox Brunson; the last 21 have been sponsored by Judge Marion Brunson.

Barbecue, with all the trimmings, has always been the traditional meal, supplemented with individual basket dinners. Foyel, Greg, Bailey and Matt Brunson, along with several other family members, are in charge of the barbecue meal.

Relatives came from throughout Alabama, Florida and Georgia, and from Texas, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland, Louisiana, and Colorado.

"The weather did not dampen the spirits of those loyal members attending the reunion, and they left with plans already begun for the 1999 meeting on the third Sunday in April, when the tradition will continue," said Marion Brunson.



Oldest and youngest at Brunson Reunion: Luther Arnold, age 92, of Columbus, Ga., holds 6-week-old Kathleen Hutchison of Tallahassee, Fla.

Chamber to sponsor pageants

The upcoming Miss Elba pageants will be sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and will be held at the Elba High School auditorium.

The Future Little Miss and Little Miss Elba pageants will be held Friday, May 15, at 6 p.m.; the Junior Miss and Miss Elba on Saturday, May 16, at 7 p.m.

Age divisions are as follows: Future Little Miss - age 4 through preschool; Little Miss - 1st grade; Junior Miss - 7th grade - age 16 (not to be 17 by Oct. 1, 1998); and Miss Elba - ages 17 - 21 as of Oct. 1, 1998.

Deadline for entry is May 4, which is also the date of the first practice. All practices are mandatory, and no entries will be accepted after the May 4 deadline.

The pageants will be under the direction of Mrs. Starla Amison and Mrs. Kim Lowery, and this year's theme will be "Miss Elba Goes to the Movies."

All girls living inside the Elba city limits or attending Elba City Schools are invited to participate. Entry forms can be obtained at Elba City Schools and Elba City Hall at the temporary location on Claxton Ave.

For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

Round and about with Eria Belcher

***Scripture: Hebrews 8:7-13

Thinking of you, praying for you: Grover J. Belcher, Paul Belcher, Rev. Charles Lane, Annie J. Lee, Eva White, Maggie Headd, Cubidean Brooks, Hannah Coleman, Mary E. Holley, Pat Chatmon, Rev. Henry Ewing, Lawrence Bryant, Pearl Mincey, Lovie Hooks, Pearl Tillis, Marie Tillis, Ada Jones, Frank Phillips Sr., Donald Waters, Ruth Belcher.

***Annual Youth Day at St. John Baptist Church, New Hope, Rev. H.R. Johnson, pastor, was held April 26, at 2:30 p.m.; theme: Psalm 34:10-11. Guest speaker was Rev. Ronnie Caldwell, associate pastor of Rocky Head M.B. Church; mistress of ceremonies: Mrs. Marietta Carpenter; devotionals: Dea. Samuel Flournoy; music by Rocky Head M.B. Church Ensemble, Brundidge; Scripture read by India Johnson and Deidre Moultry; welcome and occasion by Desmond Berry and Martin Berry; reading by Ann Johnson; drill team - UMBC Youth; Mime - Youth.

Attending this celebration from Rocky Head and Shiloh Baptist were Rev. A.R. Williams and Le'Ray, Rev. Ronnie Caldwell, Lisa, Brandie and Brittany, Melissa Kelley, Catheryn Carpenter, Mason Guley, Marietta Carpenter, Ashley, William and Derrick Duncan, Freddie Culver; Patti, Bria and Tofia, Evelyn Manning, Juanita

Brooks, Stephanie Williams, Jana Kelley, Samantha Williams, Tasha Crawford, Kim Kelley, Mary A. Hooks, Samuel Flournoy (Shiloh M.B. Church), J.L. and Estella Williams, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Ernestine Kelley, Calvin Carpenter, Grover and Eria Belcher.

The group also attended 5 p.m. worship services (including Evelyn Flournoy of Shiloh Baptist church) at Benevolent Grove Baptist Church, Needmore, Ala. Rev. L.P. Carter, pastor, will be held May 24 at 3 p.m.; theme: 1 Cor. 13:11; mistress of ceremony - Sis. Monica Henderson; devotionals - Officers of Shady Grove, Elba Zion and Rocky Head; Rocky Head Ensemble will render music; welcome and occasion - Bro. Jovan Smelley and Sis. Jeaneva Ordan; solo - Sis. Pamela Mitchell; Scripture - Bro. Bobby Ordan; words of encouragement - Minister Tommy Waites, Frazier Memorial Church, Montgomery.

***Young People's Celebration at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Elba, Rev. J. Warren, pastor, will be held May 24 at 3 p.m.; theme: 1 Cor. 13:11; mistress of ceremony - Sis. Monica Henderson; devotionals - Officers of Shady Grove, Elba Zion and Rocky Head; Rocky Head Ensemble will render music; welcome and occasion - Bro. Jovan Smelley and Sis. Jeaneva Ordan; solo - Sis. Pamela Mitchell; Scripture - Bro. Bobby Ordan; words of encouragement - Minister Tommy Waites, Frazier Memorial Church, Montgomery.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: An applicant must have a valid nursing license. Prior experience is desired, but not required. The following employment procedures will be adhered to:
1. An application may be received from, and submitted to, the Coffee County School System at the following address:
Coffee County Board of Education
400 Reddoch Hill Road
Elba, Alabama 36323
(334) 897-5016

2. Applications will be accepted through Thursday, May 14, 1998, 12:00 noon.
3. Initial screening will be conducted by the principal.
4. Interviews for selected applicants will be conducted by the principal and/or superintendent.
5. The superintendent will make recommendations to the Board for action.
6. All applicants interviewed will receive written notification of action taken regarding the vacancy applied for.

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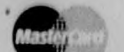
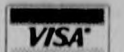
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Council

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expansion of their operation in Elba and adding more employees. Mayor James Grimes said the board chairman has agreed to continue keeping the council informed on the progress of their activities with this project.

Fredrick Hamilton, representing Southeast Alabama Planning Commission, presented the council with the grant application for expanding the public sewer lines along Highway 84 West. The total cost of the project is \$232,293. As designed, it includes a \$170,000 grant and \$62,293 of local match funds.

The council approved a request to extend sewer lines to a lot on Larkin Road for a beauty shop to be operated by Jamie Allen. City Clerk Don Morrow explained he didn't normally bring such request to the council, but this one was for an extended distance and he wanted the council's concurrence on the matter. Council members said they expected further business expansion in this area.

Whitworth told the council that installing the E-911 capable radio equipment now in the remodeled police station would save the taxpayers money over the long haul. If it was postponed, the additional equipment purchase would be necessary within 18 months and the city would then have purchased two systems when only one was needed.

Whitworth also asked the council to consider a new city-wide warn-

ing system. The present system is old and worn out, he explained. The chief told the council that during the March flood the siren sounded, but as it got hot, it stopped blowing and had to be restarted as it cooled down.

The council approved Morrow's request to purchase a new mosquito sprayer pump at a cost of between \$1,600 and \$1,700. Grimes said the city needs to start spraying as soon as possible, due to the expected increase in mosquitoes following the March flooding and recent heavy rains. The council also approved retrofitting a flatbed diesel truck recently received with a state grant as a dump truck. The present dump truck has had a mechanical failure and the driver narrowly escaped serious injury. The truck needs replacing, according to Morrow.

The council approved work at the Mulberry Park ball field. The ditch beside the field will be filled and bathrooms will be constructed.

The council voted to hold an auction on excess city equipment. A list will be compiled and a date set for the sale, which will be advertised.

The flood insurance settlement offered on the public library is \$232,951 and on the fire department building \$74,642, according to the city clerk.

Several members of the Elba Fire Department met with the council to update them on the planned request for a new ISO inspection to get fire insurance ratings lowered one or two steps. The present "6" rating was assigned in 1989. To obtain a

lower rating and the accompanying lower fire insurance cost, the department needs an additional 1,500 gallons of water pumping capacity. The council was told that a new pump is available until June 1st for \$200,000. The department members said they could use proceeds from the tobacco tax to outfit the new truck with hoses, air tanks, etc.

Mayor Grimes said the fire department needs the new truck but asked the council to table the matter until he could get a clearer picture of the city's finances. He reminded council members that the city has experienced a cash flow strain following the March 8th flood, but things are returning to normal. The council voted unanimously to accept the mayor's recommendation to table this until the next meeting.

Chuck Sanders, state coordinator of the national flood insurance program, addressed the council on flood insurance remapping of Elba. He pointed out the differences in the existing map and the actual areas hurt by flooding since 1990. The council heard his presentation and moved on to the next item of business without any discussion on making such a request for remapping.

The council voted to advertise for bids on a new small truck for the animal control officer. It is to replace the truck damaged in the flood. Council members Ben Carpenter and Ronnie Hammonds voted against a new vehicle for the dog catcher.

Sewerage

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move Elba forward into the 21st Century.

Others present for the presentation included Cecelia Meeks, representing U. S. Senator Jeff Sessions;

Steve Pelham, representing Congressman Terry Everett; State Senator Dwight Adams; Roger Traywick, USDA Rural Development Manager in Dothan; Quinton Harris and Ronnie Wyatt, both employees of USDA Rural Development of Alabama; and Charles Peters, project engineer.

Through their aides, both Senator Sessions and Congressman Everett congratulated the people of Elba on approval of this project and expressed their appreciation to the USDA Rural Development on making the project a reality by providing the funding.

Testing

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random drug testing programs already underway in the cities of Demopolis, Haleyville, Hoover, Guntersville, Opelika, Selma, Scottsboro, Mountain Brook, Pell City, and the counties of Lawrence, Lauderdale, and Limestone. Random drug testing is set to

begin in Elba and Daleville in fall of the coming school year.

Pryor stated that national statistics show that the drug usage among high school students is on the rise, with more than 24 percent of high school juniors polled admitting that they had used a controlled substance in the past year.

He noted that the U. S. Supreme Court in 1995 upheld student athlete drug testing, based on the premise

that high school athletes voluntarily subject themselves to a higher level of scrutiny through their athletic involvement than do other students, and are typically regarded as role models.

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